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**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495**

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

27 MAR 2000

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35 U.S.C. 102(e) DATE

DATE OF RECEIPT OF
35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371(C) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 07 FEB 2000 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

U.S. Basic National Fee.

Copy of the international application in:

a non-English language

English

Translation of the international application into English

Oath or Declaration of inventor(s) for DO F O US

Copy of Article 19 amendments Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

The Article 19 amendments have have not been entered

The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPE-R)

Translation of Annexes to the IPE-R into English.

The Annexes have have not been entered

Preliminary amendment(s) filed 07 FEB 2000 and

Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed _____ and

Assignment document

Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address

Substitute specification filed

Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

Priority Document

Copy of the International Search Report International Search Report and the written opinion

Other

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